

# KING OF TERRORS CONQUERS GRIM OLD BELGIAN MONARCH

## IRON WILL AT LAST BROKEN

Leopold II, Born in 1837 and  
Succeeding to the Throne on  
Death of His Father in 1865,  
Passes Into World Beyond.

## PRINCE ALBERT FALLS HEIR TO VACANT CROWN

The New Monarch is a Nephew  
of the Late King, a Great  
Student of Economics and  
Popular With the People.

## STATUS OF CONGO STATE

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold  
died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, his  
aged and wasted body being unable to  
stand the strain put upon it. The  
collapse occurred suddenly, and at a  
moment when the doctors seemingly  
had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Throughout yesterday bulletins issued  
from the sick room indicated progressive  
improvement. The bulletin posted at 5:30 o'clock gave the king's  
temperature, pulse and respiration as  
practically normal. Apparently the  
drainage of the wound was perfect, as  
no fever was present all day. The king  
had been able to take no nourishment.  
The public at large was satisfied that  
the king was on the road to recovery,  
but within the pavilion where the king  
lay there was a feeling of anxiety,  
chiefly because of Leopold's great age.  
After a restful day, the patient was  
able to sleep for a brief period early  
in the evening, and tonight passed  
quietly.

**Deathbed Scene.**  
But towards 9 o'clock alarming  
symptoms appeared. Suddenly the king  
rushed and called to Dr. Thiriar:  
"Monsieur, monsieur, j'ai peur!" (I am  
afraid).  
Dr. De Page was summoned and the  
two physicians did everything possible  
to prolong life, but without avail.  
The end came quickly, and, after a  
spell of weakness, peacefully. Prince  
Albert arrived at the deathbed about  
twenty-five minutes later.  
He was accompanied by Princess  
Clementine, Albert's sister, the  
king's daughter, and the king's  
secretary, Baron de Brouckere, who  
started immediately for Brussels to  
notify members of the royal family. As  
he was entering his motor car he ex-  
claimed:

**Hopeful Only Yesterday.**  
"To think that only yesterday we  
were still full of confidence, and now  
the king is dead!"

It appears that the doctors were  
totally unprepared for the fatal ter-  
mination. It was said, as a matter of  
fact, that the king had been ill for  
some time, but that he had been  
able to overcome his illness. The king  
was said to have been in good health  
until a few days ago, when he began  
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**Leopold's Reign**  
Leopold II, King of the Belgians, son  
of the late King Leopold I, upon whose  
death on December 10, 1865 he suc-  
ceeded to the throne, was born at  
Brussels, April 9, 1835. His father was  
the former Prince of Saxe-Coburg-  
Gotha, and his mother Princess Louise,  
daughter of King Louis Philippe of  
France.

On August 22, 1855, he married the  
Archduchess Marie Henrietta, daughter  
of Archduke Joseph of Austria. She  
died September 13, 1902. There were  
three daughters born of this union—  
Louise, Stephanie and Clementine. The  
two elder princesses have been ex-  
traneous from their father, but Cleme-  
ntine remained in his affections.

There being no direct hereditary  
heir, the crown passes to Prince Al-  
bert, the only son of Leopold's brother,  
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## BROKAW SPENT MUCH MONEY FOR CLOTHES FOR HIS WIFE

Corsets Cost \$250 a Pair and Other  
Articles of Apparel Were  
Equally High.

New York, Dec. 16.—How to be unhappy on \$30,000 a year was the  
burden of testimony introduced in the Brokaw divorce trial today.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, as evasive in her answers as ever, was on  
the stand part of the time for the seventh consecutive day.

She was followed by her brother, J. Bul-  
lard Blair, who said that W. Gould Brokaw  
had treated the plaintiff cruelly, and  
that she was justified in asking for a  
separation and \$80,000 a year alimony.

Statistics figured prominently—rather,  
unique figures compiled concerning Mrs.  
Brokaw's refusal to answer questions  
concerning her husband's income. She  
developed that she had spent \$200,000  
on her husband's wardrobe, and that  
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To the left is King Leopold, snapped during one of the last strolls the  
aged monarch enjoyed.

## CAPT. LOOSE SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED TO FALSEHOOD

**Affidavit Regarding Cook's Data  
Untrue and Another Sworn  
Statement Coming Up.**

New York, Dec. 16.—Captain B. S. Osborn of this city, secretary of  
the Arctic club, has written Captain Joseph E. Bernier and others that  
Captain August W. Loose's story of his dealings with Dr. Cook, as pub-  
lished in a New York newspaper, was concocted for sale without regard for  
the truth. "In the presence of a witness," said Osborn, "I heard Loose  
say: 'I was out for the money, and I did not care how I got it.'"

Captain Osborn does not believe that  
Loose's narrative, as supported by his af-  
fidavit, was a part of any plot to dis-  
credit Dr. Cook.

**The Idea originated with Loose and  
Dunkle," says Captain Osborn.**  
"They had for sale matter in this con-  
trovery so explosive that nobody dared  
handle it. When they found that out,  
they cast about for something else. Dunkle  
was the promoter, Loose the work-  
man."

**Also Dunkle got most of the money.**  
That's what Loose says and now he is  
casting around to see where he stands.  
He's got a conscience, and it smarts.  
"I wrote these facts in a private letter  
to Captain Bernier and others and their  
premature publication is a mistake and  
may spell what would have been com-  
plete documentary proof of my assertion,  
sworn to before a notary."

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sign a confession which has already been  
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## UNABLE TO COMPROMISE

Two House Committees at Logger-  
heads Over Jurisdiction Over  
"White Slave" Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The efforts of  
the Immigration committee of the house  
to patch up peace with the com-  
mittee on interstate and foreign com-  
merce on the subject of jurisdiction  
over "white slave traffic" legislation  
failed, and the sub-committee of three  
members of the first named commit-  
tee, appointed yesterday for informal  
conference purposes, reported back to-  
day that there was no hope of a com-  
promise.

They stated that the committee pre-  
sided over by Chairman Mann was bent  
upon considering and probably report-  
ing the Mann bill, and that there was  
no disposition there to admit that the  
immigration committee had any more  
jurisdiction over the "white slave" bill  
than the interstate commerce com-  
mittee.

Accordingly, there is to be a "show  
down" between the two committees,  
and Representatives Bennett of New  
York and Sargent of Illinois of the im-  
migration committee, were appointed  
as a sub-committee today to draft an  
entirely new bill.

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# Zelaya Down and Out as Dictator

## LUCKY IF HE SAVES SCALP

People of Nicaragua Aroused  
to Point of Frenzy, and Res-  
ignation Was Only Course  
Left Open to Stormy Petrel.

## CONGRESS EXPECTED TO ACCEPT IN HASTE

For Sixteen Years the Central  
American Republic Has Been  
Ruled and Ruthlessly De-  
spoiled by Usurping Tyrant.

## LONG CAREER OF CRIME

Managua, Dec. 16.—Jose Santos  
Zelaya has resigned from the presi-  
dency of Nicaragua. He placed his  
resignation in the hands of congress  
this morning.

Apparently there was no other  
course to take. The people were  
aroused at last. The guns of the re-  
volutionists threatened. The warships  
of the United States lay in Nicara-  
guan ports.

**Will Not Have Madriz.**  
Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central  
American court of justice at Cartago,  
who has been close to Zelaya and is  
his choice for president, is on his way  
here. He will arrive on Saturday. Ma-  
draz has his following, strong and influ-  
ential even among the revolutionists, but  
then Estrada, under whose command  
the great body of fighting insurgents now  
operate, has no intention of having  
none of him. Estrada's word will bear  
weight in the choice of President.

Zelaya has known too, that Madriz  
is not acceptable to the United States,  
and he has sought to learn who would  
be looked upon with favor by that gov-  
ernment as his successor. But the American  
government, so far as can be learned,  
has named no man, and the choice prob-  
ably will lie with those who have gained  
the upper hand.

**Zelaya's Resignation.**  
Accompanying his resignation Zelaya  
sent the following message to congress:

"The painful circumstances in which the  
country is plunged call for one of the  
negation and patriotism on the part of  
the good citizens, who are the witnesses  
of the oppression of the republic by the  
usurper. The country is staggering  
under a shameful revolution that  
threatens the nation's sovereignty, and a  
president's action spread throughout  
the country, publicly providing the rebels  
with arms which has only resulted in their  
beheading of the innocent through the  
heroism of our troops."

**People Give Vent to Joy.**  
A commission of five deputies was ap-  
pointed to draft a bill looking to the  
acceptance of Zelaya's resignation. News of  
the president's action spread throughout  
the city and soon got crowds moving  
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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Important Work Performed by the  
United Geological Survey During  
Past Year.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Land classifica-  
tion, examination of water resources, in-  
vestigations of mine conditions and tests  
of mineral fuels and building materials  
formed special features of the work of  
the United States geological survey dur-  
ing the fiscal year 1909, according to the  
report of the director of the survey, just  
issued.

The report states that the general land  
office depends on the survey to furnish  
detailed valuations of every forty-acre  
tract of land that is placed on the  
market. The purpose of the survey's  
work in the coal lands is to expedite the  
restoration of agricultural entry of land  
found to be barren of coal.

The report gives detailed accounts of  
the progress of the work on the topog-  
raphy, geology, and mineral resources of  
the United States, on special geological and  
hydrographic surveys, including work in  
Alaska, and of statistical work on min-  
eral resources.

## BLIZZARD EAST OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Denver, Colo., Dec. 16.—Heavy storms  
have been general throughout central  
and eastern Colorado today. Stockmen in  
southern Colorado and northern New  
Mexico fear heavy losses. In New Mex-  
ico the earlier snows are still lying on  
the ranges covered by a heavy crust, and  
if the present storm continues it will  
mean starvation to thousands of cattle  
and sheep.

**FAVORABLE REPORT.**  
Washington, Dec. 16.—The nomination of  
William J. Miller to be governor of New  
Mexico was ordered favorably reported  
today by the senate committee on terri-  
tories.

## VILE NESTS UNEARTHED

Seattle Grand Jury Makes Startling  
Discoveries While Investigating  
Woman Slave Trade.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—The county grand  
jury today took up investigation of  
the traffic in women slaves, in which  
Seattle ranks second only to New York,  
according to a government commission.  
A Japanese furnished a list of dis-  
orderly establishments being operated  
by Japanese, together with informa-  
tion covering the amount of alleged  
protection money paid by the proprie-  
tors of these establishments and the  
names of alleged importers of women.  
The jury was informed that business  
between policemen and proprietors of  
the establishments was transmitted  
through plain clothes men.

A committee visited the Japanese  
quarter, examining basements of hotels  
and employment offices. In several  
places it was discovered that under-  
ground passages connected offices of  
various sorts with disorderly houses,  
and that gambling houses, with ap-  
parently reputable offices, were run-  
ning underground.

Seattle is the point of entry for Jap-  
anese "slave women" and the port of  
shipment of European "slave women"  
to the mining camps of Alaska.

## MET DEATH BY ACCIDENT

Two Bank Robbers Blown Up by Dy-  
namite on Banks of River in  
Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 16.—A man known  
as Jimmie Burns, who had served  
terms in the penitentiary at Columbus,  
O.; Lansing, Kan., and Atlanta, Ga., for  
bank robbery and cracking safes, was  
one of the two men whose bodies were  
blown to pieces here last night, ac-  
cording to testimony given today to  
the coroner's jury by Chief of Police  
H. A. Thompson.

Chief Thompson stated that he had  
known Burns personally, and that scars  
on the dead body, the size, complexion,  
etc., corresponded with the description  
of the man.

Torn to shreds by some high ex-  
plosive, probably dynamite, the bodies  
of two unidentified men were found  
on the bank of the Arkansas river, near  
here, last night.

The appearance of the men's cloth-  
ing, together with the fact that the  
Tulsa banks have a large supply of  
money on hand, led the authorities to  
believe that the men were bank rob-  
bers. It is thought they may have  
been killed by the accidental explosion  
of dynamite which they carried in  
blow the banks' safes. The men  
may have been members of a gang  
who robbed the First State bank yester-  
day, the officers believe.

## "HIGHER UP" RASCALS ARE CAUGHT IN SUGAR FRAUDS

Hasty Trip of Collector Loeb to  
Washington to Confer With  
the President.

New York, Dec. 16.—William Loeb, jr., collector of the port of New  
York, left suddenly for Washington today, presumably to confer with  
President Taft and Secretary MacVeagh concerning the ever-increasing  
sugar scandals.

With the Arbucks and the National Sugar Refining company now  
involved, new avenues of investigation have been opened, paving the way  
for future criminal procedure.

Counsel argued all day at the trial  
of the six employees of the American  
Sugar Refining company, now drawing  
a close here, the arguments have  
not been concluded when adjournment  
was taken. The case will go to the  
jury tomorrow.

Sensational developments in the  
sugar scandal, following thick and fast  
upon one another, were supplemented  
today by rumors of other important dis-  
closures impending.

One of these related to the reported  
file of an indictment against a  
man "higher up" in the councils of the  
American Sugar Refining company and  
the further report that the official  
proceedings into the sugar frauds  
through which the government has  
been cheated out of millions were about  
prepared for a disclosure that would  
fix responsibility in still higher quar-  
ters.

Developments following yesterday's  
payment by the Arbucks of nearly  
\$700,000 to reimburse the United States  
treasury for deficits due to the  
weight included the announcement that  
another of the big sugar refining com-  
panies was prepared to settle with the  
government, as the Arbucks had done,  
as soon as it had been officially in-  
formed of the amount the government  
claimed to be due. This company was

## HOUSE SPENDS FIVE HOURS ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Other Matters Taken Up During  
the Debate and an Attack  
Made on Ballinger.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Performing the functions of a municipal leg-  
islative body, the house today devoted nearly five hours to consideration of  
the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The measure carries an ap-  
propriation of \$10,156,473 for the expenses of the district year 1911.

General debate was concluded, but the  
reading of the measure proceeded slowly.  
Several members made points of order  
against certain sections in the interest of  
economy, and the reading had not been  
concluded when the house adjourned at  
4:35 p. m.

Mr. Macon of Arkansas had the para-  
graph appropriating \$2,400 for an auto-  
mobile for the engineer commissioner of  
the district stricken out in spite of the  
protests of Representative Tawney of  
Minnesota, chairman of the appropriation  
committee, and Representative Gardner  
of Michigan, in charge of the bill.

Democratic applause greeted an attack  
by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska  
on the conduct of Secretary Ballinger in  
connection with the Cunningham coal  
land cases.

"My resolution to investigate is before  
the committee on rules," continued Mr.  
Hitchcock, "but there is no way to force  
the committee to report. If so per cent of  
the public desired an inquiry, such inquiry  
would be impossible, under the rules,  
without the speaker's consent."

# THREE SISTERS IN JAIL ACCUSED OF THE MURDER



MISS VIRGINIA WARDLAW,  
Aunt of Mrs. Snead, who was first arrested for the murder.

## BATHTUB MYSTERY IS NEARING A SOLUTION

Ocey Snead's Mother and Two Aunts  
Are Implicated in the Awful  
Crime.

New York, Dec. 16.—The three  
sisters who held the life of Ocey  
Snead in their hands have one by  
one come within the reach of the  
law, until tonight separate cells  
held them all charged by the  
districts of East Orange, N. J.,  
with the murder of their niece  
and daughter.

Of the girl's immediate relatives  
only her bedridden grandmother, Mrs.  
Wardlaw, 83 years old, and Fletcher  
Snead, the cousin she married, are still  
at large.

A rumor that Fletcher Snead, the  
missing husband, had been found in  
hiding at St. Catharines, Ont., was  
denied tonight by the St. Catharines  
police.

Events have moved swiftly in the  
last twenty-four hours. Soon after  
the arraignment today of Mrs. Caro-  
line W. Martin, Ocey Snead's mother,  
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